

Virginia Department of Forestry

The Virginia preparedness/training project provided interagency wildland fire training for Virginia and other mid-Atlantic states' wildland firefighters; 45 NWCG courses were provided to over 870 students – a total of over 13,700 training hours. This training helps ensure that trained wildland firefighters can be put on the line across the nation.



This project exemplifies the first goal of the *10-Year Comprehensive Strategy* by improving suppression capability through a collaborative approach. One creative solution developed as a result of this effort was the use of a National Guard training facility as the host location for a multi-state training academy; this provided low-cost accommodations, large indoor and outdoor training facilities, and the ability to maximize the benefits of National Fire Plan funds.

SUMMARY:

- o 45 courses were presented, with 870 students attending, for a total of 13,724 training hours. Over 650 were from fire departments and agencies in Virginia.
- o Firefighters came from West Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Iowa, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Kentucky, Maryland, and Washington D.C.
- o Instructors were from the Department of Conservation and Recreation, West Virginia Division of Forestry, U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, National Weather Service, and fire departments from around the state.



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